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DOUGLAS RANGER DISTRICT PLANS PRESCRIPTION BURN

TUCSON, AZ (April 21, 2006) Plans are being made to implement a prescribed burn in the Peloncillo Mountains during the week of April 24. A test burn will be conducted first, and weather permitting, the prescribed burn will continue during the remainder of the week.

The burn will take place only if the wind is out of the northwest to southwest, as these winds will push the smoke away from the Portal/Rodeo area. A District priority is for the smoke to disperse as quickly as possible.

The purpose of the prescription burn is to reduce hazardous fuels and to create a black line for a future burn later in the year. Fuel types, to be ignited by hand, consist of grasses and a brush component of manzanita with oak and juniper intermixed.

The Douglas District Office is currently moving into a new building and telephone systems are in transition. For more information, Ruben Morales, Fire Management Officer, may be contacted on his cell phone, (520) 559-3171.

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